Orders deviſed and agreed upon by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the Citie of London, the ſeventh day of March, 1632. for and concerning the good government of the Gaole of Newgate.

Nprimis, It is ordered that the ſumme of fifty ſixe pounds eight ſhillings foure pence in Certaintie, which is yearly given to the Priſoners in the ſaid Gaole, by charitable gifts and legacies, aſwell for their reliefe, as for their releaſe, ſhall hereafter be payd, as the ſame doth grow due, to the Alderman or his Deputie of the Ward of Farringdon within, for the time being, to bee diſtributed foure times in the yeare (viz.) within foure daies next after everie quarter day, for the reliefe and releaſe of the ſaid Priſoners, according to the true intent and meaning of the Donors, And ſuch Alderman or Deputie to keepe a note, what is paid, and what not, to the end that if any of the ſaid money in Certaine bee detained, it may be recovered by due courſe of Law.

Item, That the ſumme of ten pounds eight ſhillings per annum, which is weekly paid by the keeper of the Conduit at Newgate, be not hereafter put into the Common Boxe, nor allowed to the Steward for his Sallarie or Wages, as formerly: But that the ſame be weekly paid into the hands of the Steward for the time being, for a Stock to bee imployed towards the bearing of the charge of ſuch neceſſarie diſburſments, as ſhall concerne the common good of the ſaid Priſoners: And that the Steward ſhall weekly give an accompt in writing under his hand, to the Aſſiſtants in the ſaid Gaole, how, and in what manner the moneyes have beene diſburſed, and how much thereof ſhall bee remaining in his hands from time to time, to the end they may allow and ſubſcribe the ſaid Accompt.

Item, That Henry Woodhouſe, the preſent Steward, be removed, and another nominated and choſen by the major part of the ſaid Priſoners in the Common Gaole, out of thoſe men onely that lye there for debt, to continue for one whole yeare, if he ſhall, during that time, honeſtly behave himſelfe in the execution of the ſaid place. In which election, no Keeper, or ſervant to the Keeper, is to have any voice at all, nor that any menace, conſtraint or enforcement be uſed touching the ſaid Election, which is to be approved of by the Sheriffes of London, for the time being.

Item, That the Steward be no Under-keeper, or ſervant to the Keeper, and that hee hereafter only have and receive his former accuſtomed allowance of twelve pence a weeke in money, and his double ſhare, and his lodging in the Stewards roome as formerly, ſo long as hee performes his office honeſtly, and accompt, as aforeſaid, The ſaid twelve pence a weeke to be paid him upon the opening of the Boxe, and he to make no diſcharge for any money that ſhall come to his hands to the Priſoners uſe, without the privitie of the Aſſiſtants, and in their preſence, and they to ſigne his Books of Accompts weekly.

Item, That if ſuch Steward, ſo to bee choſen for one yeare, ſhall not well and honeſtly behave himſelfe in his ſaid place, it may then be lawfull for the ſaid Priſoners, to make a new election monethly, as aforeſaid, if cauſe ſhall ſo require.

Item, That all caſuall charitable reliefe bee put into the ſayd common Boxe, ſtanding in the Lodge, to which ſhall bee two keyes, one to remaine with the ſaid Alderman or his Deputie, for the time being; and the other with the ſaid Steward for the time being, that without both the ſaid keyes, the ſaid Box may not be opened.

Item, That aſwell the monies in the ſaid Boxe, which is to bee opened at the times aforeſaid, as alſo the fifty ſixe pounds eight ſhillings foure pence, in cuſtodie of the ſaid Alderman or his Deputie, be by either of them diſburſed to the uſe of the ſayd Priſoners, in preſence of the Steward and the Viſitors of the ſaid Gaole that ſhall bee appointed, And the Bakers ſkore, aſwell that in arreare, as hereafter to be brought in, be then, at the opening of the ſaid Boxe, firſt paid by ſuch reaſonable payments as the ſtock will beare.

Item, That no allowance or defalcation bee hereafter made out of the ſaid Box, or other ſtocke of the Priſoners, for candles, inke, paper, pens, mending of locks, keyes and hindges of the Gaole, for keeping or looking to the gyves or irons of the Keepers, for the attendance of the Under-keepers, or making cleane of the houſes of office of the ſaid Gaole,